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Letter dated 29 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I do not deem it necessary to detain you with a detailed answer to the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Turkey (A/50/256-S/1995/505) in reply to mine dated 9 June 1995 (A/50/216-S/1995/476), for the simple reason that Mr. Batu's letter fully confirms the point that I brought to your attention with regard to the recent resolution adopted by the Turkish National Assembly, namely, that Turkey has once more violated the fundamental principle enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations that calls for restraint from the threat or use of force in international relations, and to which Turkey has subscribed, thus assuming the obligation to uphold it as a State Member of the Organization.

This persistent Turkish practice is openly and defiantly admitted by the Permanent Representative of Turkey, who maintains in his letter that there are bilateral differences between Greece and Turkey on the issue of the Aegean Sea, while making it very clear, at the same time, in unequivocal and threatening terms, that his country is determined to protect its rights and interests through all possible means.

I leave it to your judgement and to that of the other Members of the United Nations, to appreciate Turkey's commitment to international law and order and to respect of its own signature.

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As regards the assurances given by Mr. Batu that Turkey does not harbour any designs or territorial ambitions against Greece or any of its neighbours and without going into any historic retrospection that would give ample and eloquent proof of Turkey's traditional performance in the broader area of the Balkans and the Middle East, suffice it to recall the notorious contemporary case of the military invasion and ongoing occupation of Cyprus.

I would like to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 39, 75 and 81 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Christos G. ZACHARAKIS
Permanent Representative